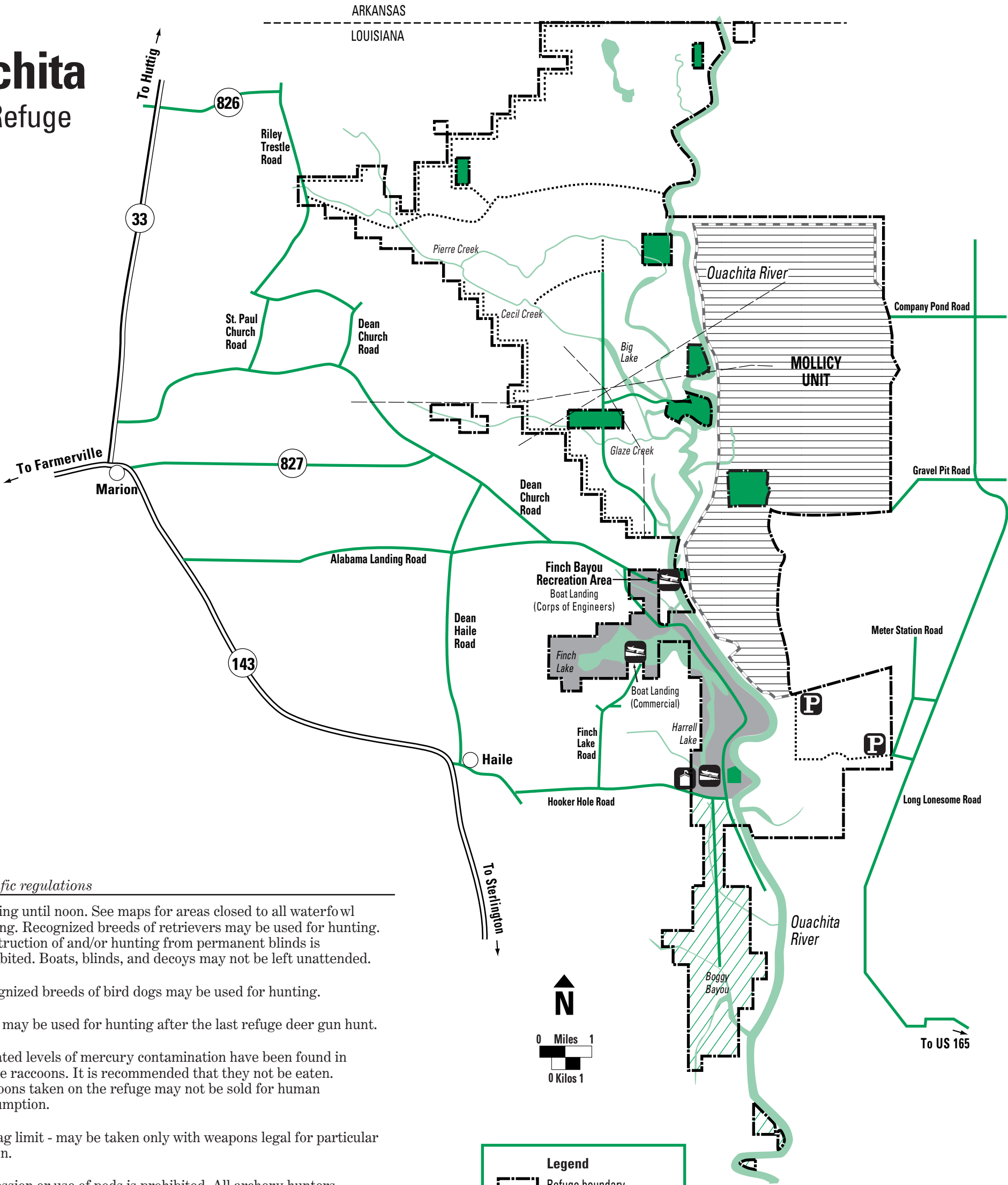
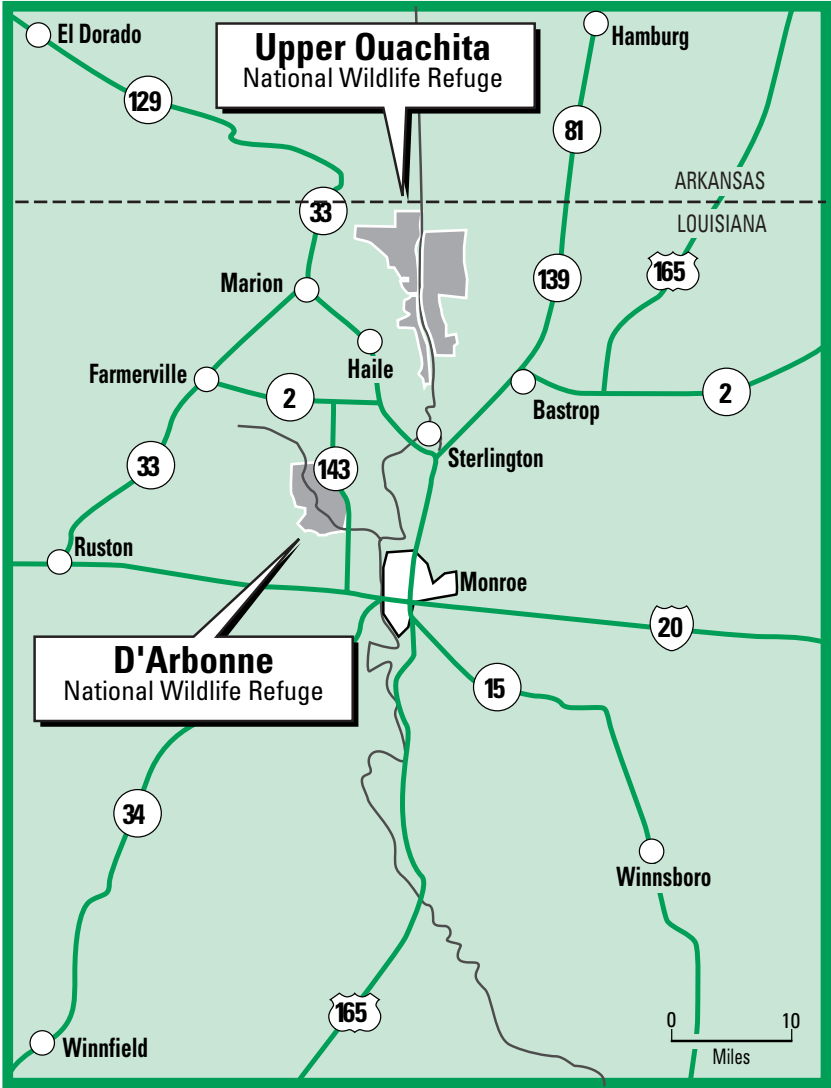


# Upper Ouachita

## National Wildlife Refuge



### 2000 - 2001 Hunting Seasons/Regulations

Type	Season dates
Duck, Goose, and Coot	State season including Youth Day. Special teal season limited to Upper Ouachita east of river (Mollicy Unit) outside of levee. See map.
Quail, Woodcock	State season
Squirrel, Rabbit	State season
Raccoon, Opossum	January 1-31, 2001 for night hunting. May be taken during daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season.
Feral hogs, coyotes, and beaver	All refuge hunts
Deer Archery	State season
Deer Gun Hunting	
<b>D'Arbonne only</b>	November 4-5 and November 24-25 either sex
Restricted Hunt	November 18-19 either sex
<b>Upper Ouachita only</b>	All modern firearm either sex days in State Area 2 (excludes special muzzleloading seasons).

1 deer per day limit on refuges. Deer stands and blinds may not be left unattended. Muzzleloading firearms may be used during refuge deer gun hunts but refuges do not have special muzzleloading seasons.

Trapping	December 1-31, 2000
Frogging	State season
Fishing	Year round

### Specific regulations

Hunting until noon. See maps for areas closed to all waterfowl hunting. Recognized breeds of retrievers may be used for hunting. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent blinds is prohibited. Boats, blinds, and decoys may not be left unattended.

Recognized breeds of bird dogs may be used for hunting.

Dogs may be used for hunting after the last refuge deer gun hunt.

Elevated levels of mercury contamination have been found in refuge raccoons. It is recommended that they not be eaten. Raccoons taken on the refuge may not be sold for human consumption.

No bag limit - may be taken only with weapons legal for particular season.

Possession or use of pods is prohibited. All archery hunters must possess proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program.

Still hunting only. All deer taken during open gun hunts **must** be checked at a refuge check station (see map) between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm the same day taken.

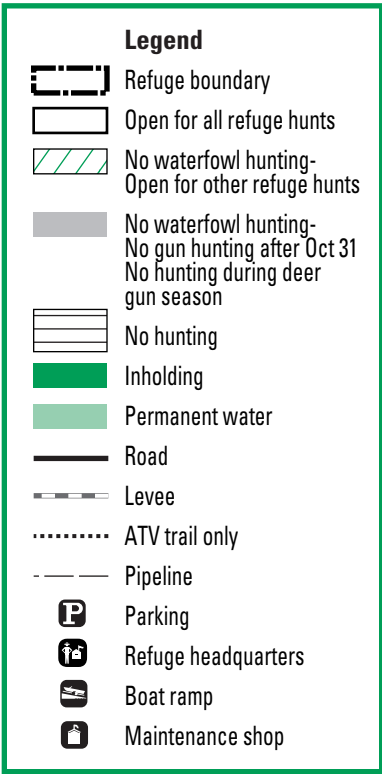
**Wheelchair dependent hunters only.**

Still hunting only. *This temporarily expanded gun season is designed to reduce feral hog population.*

Special \$10 trapping permit required. Apply at refuge office.

See state regulations. No frogging within Mollicy levee.

See state regulations. Exceptions: Commercial fishing is prohibited. Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit. Ends of trotlines must be attached by a length of cotton line which extends into the water. Trotlines must be tended daily. Trotlines lacking the cotton line or having exposed hooks are subject to removal by refuge personnel. Fishing is permitted in designated areas within Mollicy levee. Check with refuge office for information.



**Warning:** Mercury contamination has been documented on both refuges. On July 29, 1992, the State of Louisiana issued the following consumption advisory regarding fish from the Ouachita River:

*For pregnant women and children (less than 7 years of age), consume no bass, and limit consumption of other species of fish to 2 meals per month (a meal is considered to be half a pound of fish for an adult). For non-pregnant women, men and children (7 years of age and older), limit the consumption of bass to 2 meals per month, and there is no limit on other species of fish.*

Elevated levels of mercury have been found by the Fish and Wildlife Service in other species of fish. It is recommended that no fish caught on either refuge be eaten.

This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas on D'Arbonne and Upper Ouachita Refuges west of the Ouachita River: